

Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended.

Claims 1, 5-7, 11-13 and 18 have been amended. No claims have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 1-18 are presented for examination.

Claims 1-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Ogaki (U.S. Patent No. 6,771,383). Applicant submits that the present claims are patentable over Ogaki.

Ogaki discloses a mechanism adapted to create multi-page data consisting of image data of a plurality of pages that constitute one document, and to manage the multi-page data in the same stage as single-page data that consists of image data of each page belonging to the document. As a result, an image processing system is realized which can make use of both a single-page file suitable for management or updating of image data performed in units of one page, and a multi-page file suitable for processing of image data performed in units of one document. See Ogaki at Abstract.

Claim 1 of the present application recites determining if an input separator page contains first print job information indicating use of the input separator page as a first print job page, obscuring the first print job information if the first print job information is determined to be present on the input separator page and printing second print job information on the input separator page thereby providing a second print job separator page.

Applicant submits that nowhere in Ogaki is there disclosed, or reasonably suggested, such processes. Thus, claim 1 and its dependent claims are patentable over Ogaki.

Independent claims 7 and 13 include limitations similar to those recited in claim 1.

Thus, claims 7 and 13, and their respective dependent claims are also patentable over Ogaki for reasons similar to those discussed above with respect to claim 1.

Applicant submits that the rejections have been overcome and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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